

**BARBARA WEIGEL**

**Biographical Data:** Born 1921 in Princeton, New Jersey

**Education:** Graduated New Jersey College for Women in 1944

**NACA/NASA Experience:** Employed 1944-1980; Computer; Electronic Computing Section, [19 Foot Tunnel](#); Analysis and Computation Division; Mercury Project; involved in research in structures (theoretical)

Barbara Weigel was a senior in college when she saw a NACA bulletin advertising jobs, and applied for a position as a computer through the mail. Hired in 1944, she initially lived in Anne Wythe Hall, a new dormitory complex built to house female NACA employees. Over the course of her thirty-six year career, Weigel worked in electronic computing at Langley. She joined the Electronic Computing Section at the 19 Foot Tunnel, where she ran early IBM computers and wrote programming, worked on the Mercury space project, and at the time of her retirement, was doing computer graphics in the Analysis and Computation Division.

**Sources:**

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